

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:07 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mullholand, Alan Lombardi, Joe Russell, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo; Adriana Renteria, Cruz Rivera (entered during Agenda Item 5.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mullholand, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis,
Dreyer, Bravo, Renteria

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt, Rivera

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Ms. Combs requested clarification regarding the adjournment of the meeting.

Mr. Lombardi requested a change to his comment in item 7 to state “to consider equal distribution of the native yield.”

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the September 17, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dreyer, Bravo, Renteria

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt, Rivera

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the Technical Committee met. Very preliminary water budgets have been broken out, based on a “footprint” basis that primarily takes into account where water is actually sinking into the ground.

The Executive Director asked the Committee to keep four terms in mind:

HCM, Hydrogeological Conceptual Model: A narrative description of the geology under the ground.

Water Budget: The accounting of inflows and outflows.

Minimum Thresholds: The data point that cannot be exceeded as a measurable objective.

Numerical Model: The working, living model of our system that can take account for how different actions could affect the entire subbasin.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors had not met since the last Committee meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

Addressed along with Agenda Item 5A.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:

The Committee discussed recent outreach efforts. Trilby Barton of Provost and Pritchard provided a summary of recent public meetings.

Timeline:

The Executive Director reported that the GSA wants to have a draft GSP by June 2019. In July 2019, the draft will then go out to the public for comment.

The Chair and Executive Director requested input on the following topics:

The status of natural channel losses as native yield;

The status of losses of water that originates from a foreign supply;
The status of losses of water from conveyance of appropriated supply;
The status of “mountain course in-flow”;
The status of irrigation return flow;
The status of precipitation seepage;
The status of storm drain diversions;

- On this point, the Committee recommended a policy whereby the Cities would only be credited with the “excess” groundwater supply created by their efforts.

The status of “treated” water;

- On this point, the Committee asked that the issue be taken to the Board for further consideration. The AC reiterated that negotiations should maximize inflows allocable to all Basin users. Hagman noted this was also the conclusion at the TAC.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Karen Yohannes requested that consideration of a “credit program” be added to the List of Potential EKGSA Policies. Ms. Yohannes also requested consideration of “on-farm recharge.”

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Watkins seconded by Mr. Renteria and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dreyer,
Bravo, Renteria, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.